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SUBJECT: UNION CARBIDE PARTICIPATION IN TAMBAO PROJECT

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1. DIRECTOR OF TAMBAO PROJECT, PHILIPPE OUEDRAOGO, HAS INFORMED US THAT UNION CARBIDE WILL PARTICIPATE IN TAMBAO MANGANESE PROJECT. UNION CARBIDE WILL FORM CONSORTIUM WITH GROUP OF JAPANESE FERRO-ALLOY MANUFACTURERS (REFA). VOLTANS WILL HOLD 51 PERCENT OF CAPITAL AND REST WILL BE SPLIT AMONG JAPANESE AND AMERICANS. OUEDRAOGO SAID ACTUAL PERCENTAGE WILL BE SUBJECT FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN TWO PARTIES.

2. MEETING OF DONORS TO DISCUSS FINANCING OF 345 KM RAILROAD NOW SET FOR 2-4 OCTOBER. OUEDRAOGO AWAITING LETTER OF PARTICIPATION FROM UNION CARBIDE WHICH HE
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URGENTLY NEEDS BEFORE MEETING STARTED. ACTION

REQUESTED: PLEASE CONTACT JOHN WARDE, UNION CARBIDE, NEW YORK (551-5523) AND ASK HIM TO EXPEDITE DELIVERY OF LETTER. TERMS OF LETTER WERE DISCUSSED DURING OUEDRAOGO'S RECENT VISIT TO STATES.

3. ACCORDING TO OUEDRAOGO, VOLTANS HAVE NOW RECEIVED FIRM PLEDGES OF 4 BILLION CFA FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RAIL-ROAD CUT OF TOTAL 12 BILLION CFA NEEDED. AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK HAS AGREED PROVIDE 2 BILLION CFA AND FRENCH (FAC, CCCE, AND COMMERCIAL INSTITUTIONS) WILL PUT UP ANOTHER 2 BILLION CFAJM OUEDRAOGO IS TRYING TO GET FRENCH TO UP ANTE TO 3 BILLION CFA. FED HAS MADE PRELIMINARY COMMITMENT OF 4 BILLION CFA BUT THIS MONEY IS PART OF FOURTH FED ALLOCATION WHICH IS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION IN BRUSSELS. FRG AMBASSADOR HERE REPORTS HE HAS BEEN PUT UNDER STRONG PRESSURE TO GET WEST GERMANS TO COME UP WITH 3 BILLION CFA. ALTHOUGH RESENTFUL OF THESE TACTICS, AMBASSADOR SEEMS TO BE WAVERING AND MAY RECOMMEND FAVORABLY TO BONN. GRAHAM

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